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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON GOI RUBBER FOOTWEAR INDUSTRY

REF: A) STATE 183009 B) NEW DELHI 9912

1. TOTAL INDIAN EXPORTS OF RUBBER AND CANVAS, AND RUBBER PROTECTIVE FOOTWEAR IN IFY 1976-77, INCLUDING THE SHARE OF THE U.S. BY PRODUCT CATEGORIES, ARE LISTED BELOW. THE FIRST SET OF FIGURES REPRESENTS TOTAL INDIAN EXPORTS IN NUMBER OF PAIRS FOLLOWED BY THEIR VALUZ IN PARENTHESES IN THOUSAND U.S. DOLLARS (CONVERTED AT DOLS 1.00 EQUALS RS 8.50). THE SECOND SET OF FIGURES REPRESENTS THE QUANTITY AND VALUE OF EXPORTS TO THE U.S.

2. TOTAL RUBBER AND CANVAS, AND RUBBER PROTECTIVE FOOTWEAR EXPORTS IN 1976-77 WERE: 4,539,115 (3,782.9); 89,064(199.2).

(I) RUBBER FOOTWEAR WITH SOLES AND UPPERS OF RUBBER:
9,870 (19.7); 3,000 (6.3).

(II) FOOTWEAR WITH SOLES AND UPPERS OF PLASTIC OR PLASTIC-RUBBER COMBINATION: 35,908 (16.2); NIL.

(III) RUBBER SOLED FOOTWEAR WITH CANVAS UPPERS:
4,423.047 (3,608.8); 47,952 (89.1).

(IV) RUBBER OR PLASTIC SOLED FOOTWEAR, NOT ELSEWHERE
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SPECIFIED: 70,290 (138.2); 38,112 (103.8).

3. WE ESTIMATE 1977-78 INDIAN EXPORTS OF RUBBER AND CANVAS FOOTWEAR IN VALUE TERMS AT MORE THAN DOLS 4.5 MILLION, UP 20 PERCENT OVER 1976-77. FIRM EXPORT FIGURES FOR 1977-78 ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE.

4. EXPECTED INDIAN RUBBER FOOTWEAR EXPORTS TO U.S. IN CY 1980 ARE DIFFICULT TO ESTIMATE. THE SHARE OF U.S. IN QUANTITATIVE EXPORTS DURING 1976-77 WAS JUST TWO PERCENT. IF CALCUTTA CAN OBTAIN ANY INFORMATION ON THIS SUBJECT FROM THE CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS EXPORT PROMOTION COUNCIL, IT SHOULD BE SENT DIRECTLY TO WASHINGTON.

5. THERE ARE TWO MORE PRODUCT CATEGORIES OF FOOTWEAR WITH RUBBER SOLES BUT WITH LEATHER OR LEATHER CLOTH UPPERS. THESE CATEGORIES HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED FROM THE INFORMATION IN PARA 2. THEIR 1976-77 EXPORTS, UNDER THE SAME CLASSIFICATION AS IN PARA 2, ARE GIVEN BELOW:

(I) RUBBER SOLED FOOTWEAR WITH LEATHER UPPERS:
2,764,610 (5,833.9); 1,444,618 (3,946.0).

(II) RUBBER SOLED FOOTWEAR WITH LEATHER CLOTH UPPERS:
68,668 (162.2); 45,478 (135.8).

6. BASE WAGE IN REF B WAS STATED IN US CENTS PER HOURS.
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